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For: DEVICE STRUCTURES INCLUDING RUTHENIUM SILICIDE DIFFUSION  
BARRIER LAYERS (As Amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
ATTN: BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application is a divisional patent application of Serial No. 09/141,240 filed on August 27, 1998.

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract

Please delete the original Abstract and substitute therefor the attached substitute Abstract.

In the Title

Please delete the original title "RUTHENIUM SILICIDE DIFFUSION BARRIER LAYERS AND METHODS OF FORMING SAME" and insert therefor - -DEVICE STRUCTURES INCLUDING RUTHENIUM SILICIDE DIFFUSION BARRIER LAYERS- - .

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